

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) A ~~carrier-positioning device for a vertical blind, the vertical blind including comprising:~~

a headrail ~~[[,]] including a top wall, two sidewalls extending respectively and downwardly from two opposite sides of said top wall, and two supporting walls extending respectively from lower ends of said sidewalls toward each other;~~

a rotating shaft journaled within the said headrail ~~[[,]];~~

a carrier sleeved movably around the said rotating shaft and movable within the said headrail along a longitudinal direction of the said headrail, ~~the said carrier being formed with two fixed horizontal wheel pins that extend respectively and outwardly from two opposite sides thereof, and two wheels sleeved respectively and rotatably around said wheel pins and movable respectively on said supporting walls so as to facilitate movement of said carrier within said headrail; and~~

a vertical slat suspended from the said carrier; ~~the headrail including a top wall, two sidewalls extending respectively and downwardly from two opposite sides of the top wall, and two supporting walls extending respectively from lower ends of the sidewalls toward each other, the carrier being formed with two fixed horizontal wheel pins that extend respectively and outwardly from two opposite sides thereof, and two wheels sleeved respectively and rotatably around the wheel pins and movable respectively on the supporting walls so as to facilitate movement of the carrier within the headrail, said carrier-positioning device comprising:~~

an end cover ~~adapted to be~~ attached fixedly to an end of ~~the~~ said headrail and including a vertical end wall that has an inner side surface proximate to ~~the~~ said headrail; and

a flexible positioning member having a fixed end connected fixedly to said end cover, a hook end opposite to said fixed end, and an operable portion disposed between and connected fixedly to said fixed end and said hook end, said hook end including two hooks, each of which is formed with a vertical retaining slot that has a closed upper end and an open lower end and that engages a respective one of said wheel pins so as to prevent movement of ~~the~~ said carrier within ~~the~~ said headrail, said operable portion of said positioning member having an exposed section that is ~~adapted to be~~ exposed within a space between ~~the~~ said supporting walls of ~~the~~ said headrail and that is ~~adapted to be~~ disposed below ~~the~~ said rotating shaft so that said operable portion of said positioning member can be pushed upwardly to remove said hooks of said positioning member from ~~the~~ said wheel pins, thereby permitting separation of ~~the~~ said carrier from said end cover.

2. (Currently Amended) The ~~carrier-positioning device~~ vertical blind as claimed in Claim 1, wherein each of said hooks of said hook end of said positioning member is formed with an end surface that has an inclined lower end which is adjacent to said lower end of said vertical retaining slot in a corresponding one of said hooks so that a corresponding one of ~~the~~ said wheel pins can be guided by said inclined lower end of said end surface to move into said vertical retaining slot in the corresponding one of said hooks during assembly, whereby, when it is desired to engage ~~the~~ said wheel pins of ~~the~~ said carrier with said vertical retaining slots in said hooks of said hook end of said positioning member, it is only necessary to push ~~the~~ said carrier to move within ~~the~~ said headrail in a direction toward said positioning member.

3. (Currently Amended) The ~~carrier-positioning device~~ vertical blind as claimed in Claim 2, wherein said operable portion of said positioning member is I-shaped, and includes two longitudinal rods disposed between and connected fixedly to said fixed end and said hook end of said positioning member, and a transverse rod constituting said exposed section and having two ends that are connected respectively and fixedly to middle portions of said longitudinal rods.

4. (Currently Amended) The ~~carrier-positioning device~~ vertical blind as claimed in Claim 1, wherein

said inner side surface of said end wall of said end cover is formed with an engagement portion that includes a top plate, a bottom plate, and two connecting plates having upper ends that are connected respectively and fixedly to two opposite sides of said top plate, and lower ends that are connected respectively and fixedly to two opposite sides of said bottom plate, said bottom plate having a transverse retaining slot that is formed through an intermediate portion thereof, that extends in a transverse direction of ~~the~~ said headrail, and that has two closed ends; and

said fixed end of said positioning member includes

a base wall abutting against a bottom surface of said bottom plate of said engagement portion of said end cover,

two vertical outer walls extending integrally, respectively, and upwardly two opposite sides of said base wall and flanking said engagement portion of said end cover, said outer walls having inner side surfaces that face each other and that abut respectively against said connecting plates of said engagement portion of said end cover so as to

prevent movement of said positioning member relative to said end cover in the transverse direction of ~~the~~ said headrail, [[,]]

two retaining walls extending respectively from upper ends of said outer walls toward each other and abutting against said top plate of said engagement portion of said end cover so as to prevent vertical movement of said positioning member relative to said end cover, and

two ribs projecting integrally and upwardly from said base wall and through said transverse retaining slot in said bottom plate of said engagement portion of said end cover and disposed between said outer walls, said ribs extending in the longitudinal direction of ~~the~~ said headrail and having a length proximate to width of said transverse retaining slot in said bottom plate of said engagement portion of said end cover so as to prevent movement of said positioning member relative to said end cover in the longitudinal direction of ~~the~~ said headrail.

5. (Currently Amended) The ~~carrier-positioning device~~ vertical blind as claimed in Claim 1, wherein said positioning member is made of plastic material.